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~~122.~~ (Once Amended) The workstation according to claim ~~121,~~ including means to facilitate said wireless transmission of signals at least in part by [a] cellular telephone channels.

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~~126.~~ (Once Amended) The teleconferencing system of claim ~~125,~~ wherein said rolodex selector [includes for means of] is operable to select[ing] one or more desired participants from the first set of potential participants[, whereby] and to cause an icon representing said selected participant [is] to be displayed, on the monitor of a workstation [such that a participant represented by said icon can be selected], for selection by said quick-dial selector.

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~~127.~~ (Once Amended) The teleconferencing system of claim ~~124,~~ wherein said rolodex and quick-dial selectors are computer graphic [images which have] user interfaces having associated collaboration type selector buttons representing said collaboration types.

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~~135.~~ (Once Amended) The teleconferencing system of claim ~~134~~ wherein the incoming call acceptor can perform any function selected from the set of functions consisting of blocking all incoming teleconference calls; notifying said first participant that said second participant refuses to accept said call; and notifying said first participant that an attempt has been made to establish said call but that said call has not yet been established.

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~~149.~~ (Once Amended) The teleconferencing system of claim ~~148~~ further comprising means to capture and save particulars with respect to said postponed incoming teleconference call, sufficient enough for said first participant to later
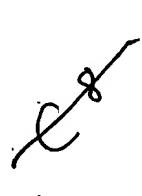
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initiate a teleconference call with the participant who initiated said postponed incoming teleconference call.

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155. (Once Amended) A teleconferencing system for conducting a teleconference among a plurality of participants having workstations with associated monitors for displaying visual images, and with associated AV capture and reproduction capabilities for capturing and reproducing video images and spoken audio of said participants, said workstations being interconnected by a first network, said network providing a data path for carrying digital data signals among said workstations, the teleconferencing system comprising:

(a) a remote participant disconnection mechanism for disconnecting, in a teleconference call among a [disconnector] participant to be remotely disconnected and a plurality of other participants, at least one of said other participants.

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156. (Once Amended) A teleconferencing system for conducting a teleconference among a plurality of participants having workstations with associated monitors for displaying visual images, and with associated AV capture and reproduction capabilities for capturing and reproducing video images and spoken audio of said participants, said workstations being interconnected by a first network, said network providing a data path for carrying digital data signals among said workstations, the teleconferencing system comprising:

(a) a data conference capture tools for capturing data generated at a workstation of a preparing participant;

(b) annotation tools for annotating said captured data; and

(c) a multimedia mail system for preparing and storing, as a multimedia mail message, said captured and annotated data, and for forwarding said multimedia mail

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message to a receiving participant, whereby said multimedia mail message can be received at any one of at least three collaborative venues being

    (i)   in real time at a location [received] removed from said preparing participant;

    (ii)   at a different time at the same location as said message was prepared; or

    (iii)   at a different time at a location removed from said preparing participant.

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158.   (Once Amended) A teleconferencing system for conducting a teleconference among a plurality of participants having workstations with associated monitors for displaying visual images, and with associated AV capture and reproduction capabilities for capturing and reproducing video images and spoken audio of said participants, said workstations being interconnected by a first network, said network providing a data path for carrying digital data signals among said workstations, the teleconferencing system comprising:

(a)   an AV conference capture tools for capturing audio and video generated, during a videoconference, at the workstation of a preparing participant;

(b)   a multimedia mail system for preparing and storing, as a multimedia mail message, said captured video and audio for forwarding said multimedia mail message to a receiving participant whereby said multimedia mail message can be received at any one of at least three collaborative venues being

    (i)   in real time at a location [received] removed from said preparing participant;

    (ii)   at a different time at the same location as said message was prepared; or

    (iii)   at a different time at a location removed from said preparing participant.

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~~160.~~ (Once Amended) A teleconferencing system according to claim ~~158~~ 159 further comprising:

(a) a message [tagger] <u>marker</u> for defining a [tag associated with a selected] <u>marked</u> portion of a multimedia mail message;[and

(b) means for highlighting a part of said selected and tagged portion of said multimedia mail message;]

whereby said [tagged] <u>marked</u> portion [and said highlighted part of said message] can be selectively displayed by said receiving participant when said multimedia mail message is reproduced.

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~~164.~~ (Once Amended) The teleconferencing system of claim ~~163~~ 164 further comprising:

(a) capture tools for capturing said data to be shared, and

(b) annotation tools for annotating said shared data during a data conference;

wherein said multimedia conference recorder is operable to synchronize <u>the playback of</u> said annotated data conference <u>recordings</u> with said videoconference <u>recordings</u>.

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~~170.~~ (Once Amended) A teleconferencing system for conducting a teleconference among a plurality of participants having workstations with associated monitors for displaying visual images, and with associated AV capture and reproduction capabilities for capturing and reproducing video images and spoken audio of said participants, said workstations being interconnected by a first network, said network providing a data path for carrying digital data signals among said workstations, the teleconferencing system comprising:

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(a) a data conference manager for managing a data conference during which data are shared among a plurality of said participants and displayed on the monitors of their respective workstations;

(b) an AV path for carrying AV signals among said workstations, said AV signals representing video images and/or spoken audio of said participants;

(c) an AV conference manager for managing a videoconference during which the video image and spoken audio of one of said participants is reproduced at the workstation of another of said participants; and

(d) a multimedia mail system for storing, as a multimedia mail message, data and/or AV signals generated at the workstation of a preparing participant, during said teleconference and for forwarding said multimedia mail message to a receiving participant[, whereby said multimedia mail message can be received at any one of at least three collaborative venues being

(i) in real time at a location received from said preparing participant;

(ii) at a different time at the same location as said message was prepared; or

(iii) at a different time at a location removed from said preparing participant].

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1̶7̶7̶. (Once Amended) The teleconferencing system of claim 1̶7̶4̶ further comprising:

(a) a least one multimedia mail message compression device, having a [first set] workstations associated therewith, for compressing a multimedia mail message into a format suitable for transmission on said data path; and

(b) a mail message decompression device associated with a remote workstation for decompressing said compressed mail message,

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whereby a mail message sent from a workstation in said first set is compressed before being transferred to said remote workstation and decompressed at or near said remote workstation.
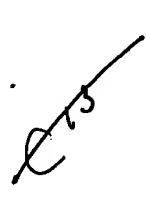
178. (Once Amended) The teleconferencing system of claim 158 further comprising a message recipient selector for selecting a plurability of message recipients, from a pre-existing database of recipients, and for associating a message transfer medium with each of said selected recipients,

whereby a message can be sent to said selected recipients using said associated message transfer medium.

Add the following new claims:

184. A teleconferencing system for conducting a teleconference among a plurality of participants having workstations with associated monitors for displaying visual images, and with associated AV capture and reproduction capabilities for capturing and reproducing video images and spoken audio of said participants, said workstations being interconnected by a first network, said network providing a data path for carrying digital data signals among said workstations, the teleconferencing system comprising:

(a)   an AV path for carrying AV signals among said workstations, said AV signals representing video images and/or spoken audio of said participants;

(b)   at least one codec, associated with said AV path, for compressing at least two captured images; and

(c)   a video mosaic generator, coupled to said AV path, for combining at least two compressed captured images, without any compressed captured image being decompressed, into a compressed mosaic image of said captured images,

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whereby said mosaic image can be decompressed and reproduced at the workstation of at least one participant.

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~~185.~~ A method of synchronizing the display of images in a teleconferencing system, said system being for conducting a teleconference among a plurality of participants having workstations with associated monitors for displaying visual images, and with associated AV capture and reproduction capabilities for capturing and reproducing video images and spoken audio of said participants, said workstations being interconnected by a first network, said network providing a data path for carrying digital data signals among said workstations, said method comprising the steps of:

(a)   associating an AV timer with the reproduction of said video images and said spoken audio;

(b)   associating a data display timer with the display of images, on said monitors, related to said data signals; and

(c)   synchronizing said AV and data display timers such that

when video images and spoken audio are reproduced, said AV timer controls the timing of such reproduction,

when video images and spoken audio are reproduced together with the display of images related to said data signals, said AV timer controls the timing of such reproduction and display, and

when only images related to said data signals are displayed said data display timer controls the timing of such display.

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